

**Robert Dinwiddie to George Washington, June 16, 1757,
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FROM GOVERNOR DINWIDDIE.

WILLIAMSBURG June 16th: 1757

SIR

I am to acknowledge the Receipt of Yrs of the 10th but I am so much hurried that I cannot answer it, but as Mr. Boyd is daily expected by him I shall write You more fully.

Otassity of Ostenaker,¹ conducts thirty Cherokees to You with Intention to go out against the Enemy;—I think he is a brave Indian, & talks much of Majr. Lewis; I believe he may be prevail'd on to stay with his People all the Summer.²

They were desirous that Mr. Gun shou'd go with them & if he goes with them to fight he shall have Lieuts. Pay if You shd. think him a proper Person—Excuse Hurry

I am Sir Your hble Servt. ROBT. DINWIDDIE

1 Outacite, Outacita, Wootassitie, or Mankiller, king of the Cherokee nation. See Dinwiddie Papers; also Ford's Writings of Washington, vol. i. p. 457.

2 The friendship and assistance of the Cherokees were well worth cultivating, and Washington thought that, under the circumstances then existing, they were indispensably necessary.